

Cholera cases in Saudi Arabia, Health Min. announces in Riyadh

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, June 27 (AP). — An unspecified number of cholera cases was reported in the eastern province of Saudi Arabia today, the Health Ministry announced. The official Saudi Press Agency quoted Health Under-secretary Dr. Hamad Al Saqar as saying the cholera cases were "extremely limited and no fatalities have occurred." The Ministry, he added, has asked the World Health Organisation to dispatch two experts to help combat the epidemic.

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USSR launches manned Soyuz craft

LONDON, June 27 (R). — The Soviet Union launched a two-man Soyuz space craft today to link up with two cosmonauts already aboard the orbiting Salyut space station, British space observers said. They said they believed today's launch was carrying a Polish and a Soviet cosmonaut to join the two Russians who entered the Salyut-6 station last week. The launch today was reported by the Kettering Grammar School in central England which regularly monitors space shots. A Kettering spokesman said the cosmonauts could be carrying a guitar with them for flight engineer Alexander Ivanchenko who is in the space station.

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Carter voices disappointment over Israel's response to queries

WASHINGTON, June 26 (R). — President Carter said last night he was very disappointed by Israel's response to the latest American attempt to speed up peace talks between Israel and Egypt.

But he promised a constant and dedicated U.S. drive for peace in the Middle East and said he hoped real progress could be made at a proposed meeting between Israeli and Egyptian foreign ministers.

"My experience in dealing with the Middle East peace process is not to be surprised when we have temporary setbacks or rejections from one side or the other," the president told a news conference.

Weizman wins cabinet approval to resume contacts with Egypt

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 27 (R). — Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman today sought to resume stalled Middle East peace talks with Egypt after apparently overcoming bitter criticism of his policies from within his own party.

Government officials said the cabinet decided at its regular Sunday meeting to authorize Mr. Weizman to try to meet Egyptian War Minister Abdel Ghani Gamassi, who the Israelis say has expressed readiness for such talks if Israel had new ideas on a settlement.

Israeli newspapers reported today that, if the meeting did take place, one of Mr. Weizman's new ideas would be a proposed Israeli-Egyptian military alliance, Israeli government officials said they had no information on the reports.

Efforts to restart the talks followed an apparently successful effort by Mr. Weizman to develop policies considered by many members of his right-wing Likud Party as too dovish.

Mr. Weizman charged at a party meeting last night that he had not been kept fully informed of political developments by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

He also said he had been led to believe by Prime Minister Menachem Begin that his proposals for more direct and positive answers to U.S. questions on the future status of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were to be adopted by the government. Instead, the cabinet voted for a vaguely worded reply formulated by Mr. Begin and Mr. Dayan.

Israeli newspapers reported that Mr. Weizman stormed out of the cabinet session saying he was "now going to prepare the Israeli army for the next war."

He also accused the prime minister and foreign minister of lying, according to the reports, but later denied that charge.

A number of members of the Likud Party, including Commerce and Industry Minister Yigal Horowitz, demanded Mr. Weizman's resignation.

At the party meeting, Mr. Weizman, according to his aides, apparently convinced members that he still supported the party platform pledging to abandon the West Bank, but that he favoured political tactics different from those adopted by the prime minister.

In another move to renew the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations — broken off by Cairo last January — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was reported to be trying to arrange a meeting between Mr. Dayan and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammad Ibrahim Kamel in London next month.

A visit by U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale to Israel at the end of the week was also expected to be used to break the impasse in negotiations. The trip was originally scheduled as part of American participation in Israel's 30th anniversary celebrations, but the vice president was now planning to continue on to Cairo after his four-day stay here.

The Israelis believed Washington might use both the vice presidential visit and a foreign ministerial meeting in London to present a proposed Egyptian peace plan, including a provision for Israel to hand over immediately the West Bank to Jordan and the Gaza Strip to Egypt.

Apparently angered by Israeli press reports that the U.S. State Department opposed the visit, Mr. Kollek told his local chamber of commerce, "If I were the Israeli cabinet, I would have said at the very beginning (when the visit was being arranged) that if Mr. Mondale did not want to visit East Jerusalem, he should not come here."

West Germany is Israel's third largest trading partner, following the United States and Britain. But the volume of trade runs heavily in West Germany's favour, with its exports to Israel three times as high as imports from that country.

Israeli leaders have frequently expressed concern at what they viewed as an erosion in recent years of the special West German attitude towards Israel arising out of the Nazi era.

When Mr. Genscher's official visit was announced last week it was said that he would be meeting President Yitzhak Navon as well as Mr. Begin and other ministers for general talks on matters of joint interest.

Mr. Genscher will be the first senior Bonn official to be received by Mr. Begin who, as leader of the Herut opposition Party, organised street demonstrations against the then Labour government's decision 20 years ago to accept reparations from Germany and against the arrival of West Germany's first ambassador to Israel some years afterwards.

West Germany's Genscher will be asked to account for Schmidt's remarks when he arrives in Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 27 (R). — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher begins a two-day visit to Israel tomorrow but his day will be clouded by remarks he made last week by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Israeli officials said today.

They said Premier Menachem Begin will press Mr. Genscher for clarification of the chancellor's statements.

Mr. Schmidt, speaking during the visit to West Germany of Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Fahd bin Abdulaziz, said Israel had not made an adequate response to Egypt's Middle East peace initiative.

The West German leader also said the Palestinians had a right to organise themselves in a state.

The newspaper Yediot Aharanot said today that Mr. Schmidt's statements came only a week before Mr. Genscher's visit, which would not become all the more sensitive.

Another paper, Maariv said: "Mr. Schmidt's remarks strengthen the impression that Germany does not intend to lag behind other Western European nations in courting the Arab World's money and oil."

Two members of the Egyptian People's Assembly were dismissed yesterday under measures ordered by President Anwar Sadat's government to clamp down on right- and left-wing critics.

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His dismissal leaves the UPP with only two members in parliament.



An official photo shows Princess Caroline of Monaco and Prince Philippe Junot, who are to be married at the royal palace Wednesday and Thursday. The princess is 21. (AP wire-photo)

Vietnam claims to have wiped out two invading Cambodian battalions

HONG KONG, June 27 (R). — Vietnamese forces have wiped out two Cambodian army battalions and inflicted major losses on other large troop units during a week of border battles inside Vietnam, Hanoi reported today.

The Vietnam News Agency (VNA) gave no overall casualty toll but said nearly 160 Cambodian soldiers died in just two of the clashes.

It reported that one Cambodian regiment and two other battalions were badly mauled during the fighting in four Vietnamese border provinces between June 16 and 23.

It was the first time in several weeks that Vietnam has reported major battles in its border conflict with Cambodia, which began late last year.

The Hanoi agency said a Cambodian regiment moved into An Giang province on June 16 but was intercepted by local armed forces who killed or wounded 35 of the invaders and captured others.

In Tay Ninh province, according to VNA, the Vietnamese wiped out one Cambodian battalion, inflicted serious losses on two others and "captured a lot of arms and munitions."

At the same time Vietnamese troops destroyed a Cambodian battalion in the Ben Cau district, taking many prisoners and seizing 52 "assorted guns," the agency said.

It reported that nearly 160 Cambodian soldiers were killed in two battles on June 20 and 23 in the Chau Thanh district.

The report of week-long border clashes was issued by the agency only hours after Hanoi ridiculed claims by Cambodia to have thwarted a Vietnamese.

Western speakers had previously condemned the Arab move, sponsored by Syria and Libya, as harmful, divisive, legally inappropriate and aimed at "verbally eliminating" the state of Israel, and they urged its rejection.

The Arab motion called for further implementation of a resolution passed by the ILO's 1974 conference condemning Israel for discriminating against Arab workers in territories it occupies and denying them trade union freedoms.

Voting on the motion before today's session of the conference, attended by representatives of governments, trade unions and employers' associations, was 211 for and none against with 139 abstentions. More than 100 delegates were absent from the hall when the vote was taken.

The motion failed to pass because under ILO conference rules a vote is invalid if the number of ballots cast for and against it is less than half the number of delegates entitled to vote.

Syrian delegate Dia Allah Al Fattal described the vote as a "farce" and said delegates who absented themselves had shirked their moral obligations.

Libyan delegate Abdelhafiz Derbi said after the vote that the resolution had been subject to manoeuvres in the corridors and various attacks.

A two draft resolution called on ILO Director General Francis Blanchard to implement the 1974 resolution, which called on him to do everything to end Israeli "violations and discriminatory practices" in occupied Arab territories.

Aden reported calm after execution of president, pre-dawn mop-up operations

ADEN, June 27 (Agencies). — The men who overthrew South Yemeni President Salem Robaye' Ali, who was executed yesterday after hours of fighting in this capital city, said today they acted because he wanted to usurp all power.

Aden was calm again this morning after the dramatic episode culminating in president Robaye' Ali's death by firing squad.

The official newspaper October 14 said Mr. Robaye' Ali and two of his supporters were executed after a trial before a specially constituted court.

The paper said they had deviated from legality and tried to replace the country's collective leadership.

The statement said Mr. Robaye' Ali had "wished to set himself up in place of the collective leadership of the revolution, party and government."

The paper added: "The revolution will continue its march towards a brighter tomorrow... and for the victory of the revolution and its ideological and class aims."

Officials denied foreign reports that fighting was continuing in and around the capital.

They said all roads had been reopened after being blocked during the fighting.

Aden Radio resumed normal programmes this morning.

In announcing the executions last night, it said two cabinet ministers had been executed along with Mr. Robaye' Ali.

Earlier, Soviet-backed militants of South Yemen's ruling National Front flushed out supporters of the slain president in mop-up operations that shook Aden with pre-dawn explosions and machine gun fire.

Arab diplomats in Beirut in radio contact with their embassies in Aden said the staccato of machine guns and heavy bursts of explosions rocked the South Yemen capital well after midnight.

The diplomats said the resistance faded, however, as pro-Moscow Marxists consolidated their grip on the Red Sea republic that controls a vital oil shipping route to the West.

Mr. Robaye' Ali was executed after 15 hours of air attacks, ground bombardment and street battles in Aden Monday. An official announcement over Aden Radio said the former president was found guilty of attempting to stage a military coup d'etat against the legitimate collective leadership of the National Front, represented by the front's 125-man Central Committee.

The Central Committee had instructed that Mr. Robaye' Ali was responsible for the murder of President Ahmad Al Ghashmi in the North Yemen republic Saturday.

The government of North Yemen said an emissary from Mr. Robaye' Ali flew into the North Yemen capital of Sana'a with a letter from the South Yemen president to Mr. Ghashmi.

When the envoy opened his case to deliver the letter in Mr. Ghashmi's office, the case exploded, killing both the president and the envoy, a Sana'a statement said.

Despite official denials from Aden of any complicity, the accusation brought a power struggle between Mr. Robaye' Ali and the front's Secretary General, Abdul Fattah Ismail, culminating in a head on collision.

Informed Arab diplomats here said Mr. Ismail had summoned the front's Central Committee to an emergency session Monday night to discuss Sana'a's charges against Mr. Robaye' Ali. Mr. Robaye' Ali and his supporters attended. He denied the charge and claimed he was deliberately framed. But the committee voted 121 to suspend President Robaye' Ali's government and party activities pending clarification of President Ghashmi's murder.

Aden residents, who yesterday remained indoors as battles raged for control of their government, returned to the streets today and shops reopened.

Officials said life in the provinces as well as Aden was now back to normal.

Messages of support were received by the leadership from the police, army, party units and other organisations throughout the country, officials said.

Interior Minister Saleh Mosleh, who was yesterday reported to have been killed in the fighting, addressed police officers in the capital today.

Aden Radio said he stressed that military, para-military and police units in the country must maintain their national consciousness and reject tribal and clan loyalties.

ARAB LEAGUE TO HEAR NORTH YEMENI CHARGES SATURDAY

CAIRO, June 27 (AP). — The Arab League Council will hold an emergency session Saturday to discuss the assassination of North Yemen's president Ahmad Al Ghashmi, the Middle East News Agency reported.

The meeting, at the request of North Yemen which charges its marxist neighbour South Yemen of masterminding Al Ghashmi's assassination, will be held at the league's headquarters in Cairo.

The agency said the league had informed Arab governments of the date of the meeting and asked them to communicate names of their representatives, indicating that there was no agreement yet on the level of Arab delegations.

The league council usually meets on the ambassadorial level but foreign ministers attend when vital questions are to be discussed.

and are still subject to criminal proceedings.

Mr. Crawford who was dragged from his car by police in central Moscow on June 12, was taken by the KGB to the central Moscow hotel although U.S. officials drove to Lefortovo to pick him up.

"I'm all right, I'm fine, no problem," he told waiting reporters as he entered the lift to go to his hotel room.

U.S. officials regarded the arrest of Mr. Crawford as retaliation for the prosecution of the two Russian employees of the United Nations Rudolf Chernayev and Valdik Eger. The two are accused of trying to buy American submarine warfare secrets.

The action against Mr. Crawford and today's court summonses are seen in Moscow as reflecting a new tough policy by the Soviet authorities towards Moscow-based Americans.

There was discussion among colleagues of the two reporters that the slander accusation, although made by a state organisation rather than the public prosecutor, could herald a form of indirect censorship.

Formal censorship of foreign correspondents' dispatches was abolished in 1961 but reporters come under frequent harassment in covering dissent and other stories.

Whitney and Piper both filed stories from Tbilisi, capital of the Caucasian republic of Georgia, on the sentencing there of two members of the dissident Helsinki human rights group.

The two reporters believed the charge could refer to stories they sent quoting the writer on one of the defendants, writer Zviad Gamsakhurdia, as

Complication mars U.S.-Soviet prisoners exchange deal designed to cool down tension

MOSCOW, June 27 (R). — Soviet authorities today released a U.S. businessman from a KGB security police jail but in an unprecedented move ordered two American reporters to answer slander charges.

Francis Jay Crawford, held for the past two weeks on charges of illegal currency dealing, was driven from Lefortovo prison and released at the Intourist Hotel in the second part of a deal which involved the temporary release of two alleged Soviet spies in the United States.

But while the three-prisoner agreement was apparently aimed at cooling the tension between the superpowers, the action against Craig Whitney of the New York Times and Harold Piper of the Baltimore Sun added a new complication.

The two Moscow-based correspondents were summoned to appear at a city court tomorrow to answer an accusation of slander laid by the state television and radio organisation.

Both newsmen, the first Western reporters in memory to be subject to court proceedings here, said officials had refused to tell them what the case referred to, although they believed it could be connected with a trip they made together last month to the Caucasus.

Mr. Crawford, 37-year-old Moscow representative of the International Harvester Company, was released into the personal custody of U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon almost a day after the two Russians were handed over to the Soviet ambassador in Washington.

Under the deal the released prisoners must remain within the jurisdiction of the courts

saying the KGB had faked a television confession made by her husband.

In the last action against a Western correspondent, the Moscow representative of the Los Angeles Times was interrogated last June by the KGB.

Robert Tott was alleged to have received state secrets in his contacts with dissidents and was allowed to leave the country without prosecution although the official press alleged later that he had been working for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The Soviet press accused New York Times correspondent Chris Wren, who left Moscow last year, of working for the CIA.

Whitney was recently attacked in the government newspaper Izvestia over an article he wrote about Soviet and Cuban involvement in Africa.

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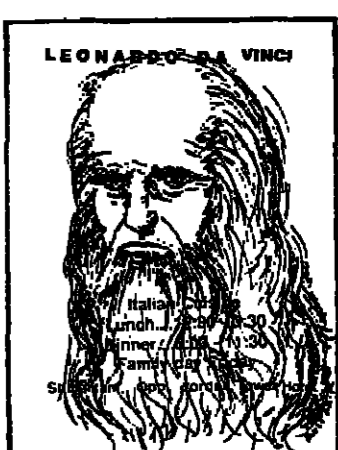
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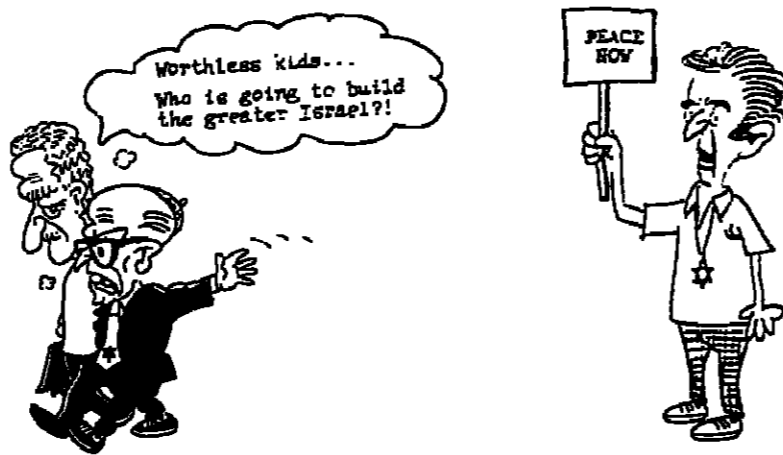
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Delegation from National Geographic Society meets tourism minister, visits RSS

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA). — At a meeting with Minister of Tourism Ghaleb Barakat today a delegation from the American National Geographic Society was briefed on Jordan's achievements in the field of tourism and the efforts exerted to preserve antiquities.

Members of the delegation, which is led by Chairman of the society's board Mr. Melvin Payne, later visited the Royal Scientific Society where they met with its Vice President Dr. Fakhreddin Abdul Hadi who briefed them on the establishment and aims of the RSS and the various services it offers in the fields of research and economic and scientific studies.

During the visit, the delegation, which includes Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, wife of former president Lyndon B. Johnson, will tour archaeological and touristic sites around the country.

The 50-member delegation arrived here Sunday for a five-day visit.

Issam Ajlouni returns from Geneva ILO meet

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA). — Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni this evening returned with Jordan's delegation to the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) 84th conference, which was held in Geneva, June 3.

Mr. Ajlouni told reporters that the Jordanian delegation was particularly interested in three subjects. First, the rejection of a report of the fact-finding commission, delegated by ILO, which overlooked many of the facts concerning the racist policy adopted by Israel towards Arab workers in the occupied lands. The Arab ministers asked the director general of the organisation to form a new commission to cover all these matters objectively.

The second, the Jordanian delegation made contacts with the other Arab ministers and delegations and asked them to cooperate with Jordan in regulating the employment of Jordanian labour and to ensure better working conditions through bilateral agreements.

The third subject tackled the idea of setting up a Labour Compensatory Facility as proposed by His Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Mr. Ajlouni concluded by saying that Jordan's delegation had intensive contacts with ILO officials and other specialised organisations and practical steps had been taken towards putting the idea through.

The 7-year cold?

The state of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's health has been in the news recently and will probably remain there for quite a while, and for more than purely humanitarian reasons. The political situation within Israel itself is rather messy these days, and one hears daily reports that the country is undergoing a cabinet crisis unmatched in its brief history. Mr. Begin, and the entire Israeli leadership, is under increasing pressure from all sides to come out with a more conciliatory posture in the negotiations with the Egyptians. The intransigence of Israel that was first projected in the feeble response to the Sadat initiative has now been repeated in the evasive Israeli reply to the two American questions on the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza. As the peace-seeking process has gradually narrowed down over the past 30 years to the status of the Palestinian people and the Palestinian regions of the West Bank and Gaza, so has the corresponding Israeli inability to come to grips with this Palestinian reality become greater and more obvious.

Now we reach the dramatic point where President Sadat comes up with his own peace plan -- to revert the West Bank and Gaza to temporary Jordanian and Egyptian rule -- thereby taking away the single most compelling argument that Israel had used to stall the peace process: that it would not deal with the PLO because the PLO wants to destroy Israel, to use Israel's wording. In other words, the Israelis are becoming more cornered, and very much by their own unimaginative obstinacy.

There are two classic Israeli tactics when cornered: stall for time, or attack. Both those options are possible today, and we wonder whether Mr. Begin's health problems are not simply a new variety of the old stalling game?

Despite high interest payment on Jumbos Alia still makes a profit

By John Bonar

Special to the Jordan Times
 Amman, June 23 (JT). — Alia, the state-owned national airline last year achieved a big increase in operating profits of over 278 per cent to JD 1,761,466 compared with JD 464,993 in 1976. However, high interest payments on the Boeing 747 "Jumbos" introduced into service in 1977 saw actual net profits cut back to JD 222,767, a 22.2 per cent increase over 1976.

The purchase of the two Boeing 747-200 SL aircraft, spares and equipment was financed by loans totalling \$85 million from a consortium of eleven banks including the EXIM Bank and the Boeing Company.

Alia is committed to capital loan repayments over the next nine years totalling JD 27,104,876. The next few years see the highest repayment commitments: Over JD 4 million this year; JD 8.8 million in 1979, 1980 and 1981; JD 3.7 million in 1982 and JD 3.2 million in 1983.

In the mid 1980's Alia's repayment commitments on existing loans drops to under JD 3 million and in 1987 the company is committed to only JD 1.1 million. However by that time the company will probably have had to borrow again to replace some existing equipment and further expand its fleet.

The corporation's paper profits would be considerably higher were it not for its policy of recognising all expenses when incurred with no expenses being capitalised or deferred. This is particularly true of 1977 with the high cost of establishing the first Middle East-USA route by an Arab carrier.

Inflation within Jordan and the necessary increase in staff salaries also reduced Alia's profitability.

Unit costs rose by 15 per cent in 1977 while revenue yield increased by only 6.4 per cent. Revenue per employee dropped by 4.6 per cent from JD 11,599 in 1976 to JD 11,070. The total number of employees increased by 29 per cent to 2,798.

During 1977, Alia earned an operating revenue of JD 29.3 million, an increase of 23.1 per cent over 1976; operating expenditure was JD 27.5 million giving an operating profit of JD 1.76 million.

The highest increase came in cargo traffic which registered a 62.7 per cent increase in 1977.

In the corporation's annual report, released here this week, Chairman Ali Ghandour compares the growth in Alia's passenger traffic of 21 per cent, "in line with the growth of the Europe-Middle East region collectively", with the ten per cent growth average of all International Air Transport Association (IATA) carriers.

Mr. Ghandour said "The world economy in general affected the business travel and freight traffic of all airlines. The recession which hit the industrialised countries, the historical swings and fluctuations of foreign currencies, the energy crisis and the hyperinflation are some examples of our environments."

The Alia chairman obviously takes a dim view of President Jimmy Carter's policy of encouraging open fares competition on the North Atlantic routes. "One of the important achievements of Alia in the field of revenue is a constant increase in revenue yield in all categories of traffic in spite of the fare war across the Atlantic and large scale cut-throat price practices by LATA and non-LATA airlines in

other parts of the world."

Apart from investment in the jumbo aircraft the corporation added over JD 1 million in investments in other companies during 1977. It increased its paid up share in Arab Wings, Jordan Holiday Inn Co., the Simulator.

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Alia's investments in other

companies and subsidiaries include a 50 per cent share in Far East Tourism and Travel Co. Ltd., a 6.6 per cent stake in Jordan Express Travel Co. Ltd, an 8.3 per cent holding in Arab International Hotels Co. Ltd. and a 20 per cent share in Arab Air Services.

The company's equity doubled in 1977 to JD 22,053,775 from JD 10,924,707 in 1976. Reflecting this increase in equity the Council of Ministers decided in January 1978 to increase the authorised capital of the airline from JD 12 million to JD 21 million.

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Commenting on the bloody events now going on in North and South Yemen Al RAI Tuesday said that the "present phase of self-destruction in the Arab world has almost reached its peak far away from the confrontation lines with Israel in areas that are of vital strategic importance in the Arab-Zionist conflict."

"It is clear," the newspaper goes on, "that forces partaking in the wealth and fortunes of the Arabs are clashing in the Arabian peninsula, where the North Yemeni president was assassinated and the South Yemeni president was overthrown (and executed) in an obvious attempt to 'regulate' Arab situations in that region."

"What happened in the two Yemens is simply a phenomenon of self-destruction in the Arab body, occasioned by the scatter of the herd due to the absence of shepherds." The newspaper puts the blame on the League of Arab Nations for failing, till now, to stop Arab disputes in the two Yemens as well as in other Arab countries.

On its part AL DUSTOUR pays tribute to what it calls the healthy cooperation and the constructive open policy which serves the best interests of Jordan as witnessed on Monday between the government and the National Consultative Council (NCC) when the Cabinet members reported to the council on their ministries' activities and accomplishments. Prime Minister Mudar Badran had already made a statement to the NCC on the government's domestic policy and the minister's statements were in conclusion to the government's presentation of its domestic policy.

These statements by the prime minister and cabinet members on agriculture, education, supply, Awqaf and others, mean that our progress in development and construction has taken big strides and that we still have a long way to go. This, the paper adds, is a natural thing because progress, by nature, is liable to continuous change.

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Saturday, July 1 public holiday

Amman, June 27 (JNA). — A statement by the prime minister's office announced today that next Saturday, July 1, will be a public holiday. All government departments and public institutions will be closed on the occasion of Al Isra' Wal M'raj.



National News Roundup...

Action to be taken against those exploiting Jordanian labourers

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA). — Disciplinary action will be taken by the Ministry of Labour against several Jordanians who have been sending Jordanian labourers on contract work to neighbouring Arab countries. An authoritative source at the ministry said it was revealed that these persons have been enlisting labourers on unfair and difficult working conditions as well as not having obtained work permits for them from the ministry.

Ambassadors to Min. of Foreign Affairs, U.K. appointed by Royal decree

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA). — A Royal Decree was issued today appointing Mr. Tharwat Al Talhouni as ambassador at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Another decree issued today approved the appointment of Mr. Ibrahim Izzidine, who is Jordan's ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, as ambassador plenipotentiary to the United Kingdom.

Six sentenced for drug trafficking

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA). — The military governor general today endorsed verdicts passed by the martial court against six people for drug trafficking. The sentences included imprisonment and fines.

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Despite desert conditions Fish farming is a thriving occupation in Jordan

By Ginette Devaney
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN—Fish farming is not an occupation usually associated with desert countries, but Jordan has a highly creditable embryonic programme currently under way, with good prospects for future growth and advancement.

The Jordan Times recently contacted both the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Production Department, and the British Government officials who are co-operating on projects and conducting feasibility studies and training programmes for local staff at the University of Jordan's Faculty of Agriculture.

A pilot study has already been carried out in the Azraq area, where the ministry has some ponds, to assess the possibility of using Azraq as a standard for the whole country. However, it was found that due to the flatness of the surrounding land the cost of building ponds upwards, rather than digging down, was too high in terms of the monies available.

As a result of this first study programme, terms of reference were drawn up between the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Planning Council and the British government agency involved. Engineering and biological aspects were considered, and this month a team of experts commenced a national-wide investigation into a major sweet-water fisheries plan for Jordan.

The Jordan Times spoke to Dr. Mohammad Sa'id Darweesh, The Director of the Animal Production and Health Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Mr. Suleiman Karyouti, Assistant Director, who explained the present system of fish farming being carried out.

The Fisheries Department of the ministry already runs some fish farms: at Azraq, Wadi Arees and Deesi, near Wadi Rum. Carp are the main fish reared at present and these are bred for sale at 10 fils each, to any local farmer who wishes to set up his own fish sideline.

For farmers who have a reasonably reliable source of water, which they might be using for plant cultivation etc, fish farming, even on a small scale, can be a very lucrative pursuit, as fish is an expensive food in this country.

Farmers are able to obtain not only fish, but a complete design service from ministry officials. Plans and designs are produced having regard to the individual



One of the ponds at the Azraq oasis. A pilot study was carried out at Azraq to investigate the possibility of using it as a standard for the whole country.

needs of the farmer concerned. The size of the land available, the amount of water and the number of fish required are all taken into consideration and any problems or queries can be brought to the ministry staff who do their best to help and advise.

The growing number of dams in the country are also used for the stocking and breeding of fish and the King Talal Dam and the Sharhabil Ibn Hasna Dam have both been supplied with 6,000 fish each by Ministry of Agriculture officials. The latter dam was stocked over two years ago and is now ready for fishing and the issue of permits has already commenced.

Eight people are involved with fisheries at the moment, under the direction of Dr. Darweesh. The technical staff are headed by Mr. Hamdan Dabaj, an agricultural engineer trained in Japan and one of the world's experts in fish culture and management.

Staff are at a minimum, with one or two technicians at each site, overseeing the feeding, breeding and separation for sale. However, when the feasibility study is complete and the plan has the approval of the government more staff, particularly agricultural engineers, will be appointed.

The fish are fed with 40 percent protein meal specially produced by local poultry feed manufacturers. Males are separated from females for egg hatching and the young are then taken to ponds when ready for sale.

Much of Jordan's present fish requirements are brought from places as far afield as Britain, Japan and the sultanate of Oman. Salt water fish have been transported by truck from Oman to supply the government staff shop in downtown Amman, and any stocks left over are then sold to the general public.

China's deputy foreign minister arrives

AMMAN, June 27, (R). — Deputy Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China Ho Ying arrived here today from Kuwait on a four-day visit. Mr. Ho told reporters that his visit aimed at increasing the mutual understanding and friendship between the two countries.

Mr. Ho, heading a delegation representing the Chinese Foreign Ministry, is the first senior Chinese official to visit Jordan.

"China appreciates its brotherly friendship with Jordan and the rest of the Arab world," Mr. Ho said.

In Kuwait, Mr. Ho was quoted today as saying his country opposed superpower intervention in the internal affairs of Arab countries. "China is firmly convinced that the Arab people will make a great contribution in resisting imperialism, colonialism and hegemony," he told the daily newspaper Al Qabas.

He condemned what he called Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people and other Arab nations.

During the visit the Chinese delegation will hold talks with Jordanian officials on bilateral relations and current Middle East affairs.

Economic and Business News

Mining company increases its capital share in Jordan Fertilisers Company

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA). — The Arab Mining Company is to increase its share in the capital of the Jordanian Chemical Fertilisers Company from five to ten per cent, Director General of the Mining Company Thabet Al Taher announced today. As a result the capital of the fertilisers company will be raised to nearly JD 40 million. The fertilisers company, established in 1975, is expected to start production by the end of this year.

Programme for Jordanian-British trade talks discussed

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA). — Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Najmeddine Dajani today discussed with the British ambassador in Amman the programme for the Jordanian-British trade talks scheduled to be held in London next month with the aim of promoting trade exchanges between the two countries. Dr. Dajani said the talks will be held at the request of the British minister of trade.

Coming & Going...

Supply delegation of to Oman to sign trade agreement

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA). — A delegation from the Ministry of Supply left here today for Oman on a four-day visit during which an agreement regulating trade exchanges between the two countries, particularly for dealing with the importation of Omani fish and dates and the exportation of Jordanian agricultural and industrial products to Oman, will be signed. The delegation is led by Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Supply Mohammad Al Saqqaf and includes officials of the supply and industry and commerce ministries.

Moroccan marketing office heads leave for home

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA). — Director of the Moroccan Trade and Marketing Office Mohammad Al Helou and the office representative in Amman Ismail Al Helou left for home today after taking part, with officials of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, in the drawing up of the statute for the joint Jordanian-Moroccan company for marketing. The two countries trade agreement, concluded at Rabat last May provides for setting up this company for marketing Jordanian and Moroccan products in West Europe and Gulf states.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

	Jordanian Dhs	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	308.00/310.00	
U.K. sterling	569.00/573.00	
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Swiss franc	164.90/165.90	
French franc	67.60/68.00	
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.00/36.20	
Japanese yen (for every 100)	149.30/150.20	
Dutch guilder	137.70/138.50	
Belgian franc (for every ten)	94.50/95.10	
Swedish crown	67.20/67.60	

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume traded	Last buying offer	Last selling offer	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	670	6.700	6.750	6.700
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	2,123	15.100	15.150	15.150
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1.000	220	—	—	2.200
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	1,647	16.800	16.900	16.800
* Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	57	—	1.550	1.550
* Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	275	1.000	1.050	1.050
** Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1.000	160	1.850	1.900	1.850
General Mining Co.	JD 1.000	45	0.900	0.950	0.900
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	1,350	1.350	1.400	1.350
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1.000	540	0.900	0.950	0.900
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1.000	190	0.950	1.000	0.950
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1.000	1,026	2.450	—	2.450
Arab Seas Insurance Co.	JD 5.000	350	7.000	—	7.000
Bank of Jordan	JD 5.000	350	—	7.100	7.000
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1.000	787	0.750	0.800	0.750
Jerusalem Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	717	—	2.350	2.300
Total volume traded, Tuesday, June 27			JD 10,507		
Total number of shares traded			4,824		

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JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6:	8:30 Arabic series	9:30 T.V. Magazine	10:15 Arabic series
8:30 Quran	8:45 Cartoons	9:00 Partridge family	9:30 Shubad
7:30 Documentary film	8:30 News in Arabic	11:15 News in Arabic	
Channel 3:	7:30 Sports and Youth		

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign-on	14:00 News Bulletin	14:10 Music	14:30 Concert Hour
7:01 Morning Show	15:00 Pop Session	17:00 30 Minutes of Jazz	17:30 Pop Session
7:20 News Bulletin	18:00 News in Arabic	18:30 News Summary	18:35 Jordan in History
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12:00 Sign-on and News Headlines			
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BBC RADIO

15:00 Radio Newsworld	15:15 Outlook	16:00 News: Commentary	16:15 Talking about Music
16:45 World Today	17:00 News: Book Choice	17:15 Discovery	17:45 Sports Round-up
18:00 News: News about Britain	18:15 Radio Newsworld	18:30 Top Twenty	18:45 Outlook: News Summary
19:45 Music from Scotland	20:30 News: 24 Hours	20:35 World Radio Club	20:40 Allstar Cooke's Music
21:00 Report on Religion	21:30 Soundbite	21:35 Sounds Latin	22:00 News: World Today
22:25 Financial News	22:35 Book Choice: Reflections	22:45 Sports Round-up	23:00 News: Commentary
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13:00 Press Conference USA	13:30 Special English, News		

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9:10 Dhaman (AZ)	9:40 Beirut (MEA)
9:25 Doha, Muscat	9:55 Cairo (EA)
9:45 Dubai, Abu Dhabi	10:00 Rome (AZ)
9:50 Aqaba	11:00 Benghazi
10:00 Jeddah	11:15 Athens
10:30 Beirut	12:00 Athens
11:30 Laraca (CY)	12:30 Laraca (CY)
12:30 Kuwait (KAC)	13:30 London
13:30 Baghdad	13:30 Kuwait (KAC)
14:30 Cairo	14:30 Cairo
15:30 Amsterdam, Brussels	15:30 Jeddah (SD)
16:30 Geneva	16:30 Cairo
16:30 Jeddah (SD)	16:30 Baghdad
17:30 Beirut (MEA)	17:30 Beirut
18:30 Frankfurt, Munich	18:30 Beirut
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20:00 Rome (AZ)	20:35 Dhaman (AZ)

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Polkara Museum	36191

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Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74124
Fire, fire, police	19
Fire headquarters	22000

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Yafa Art Gallery	236-327
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Arab Cultural Centre	333-727
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	657-061
British Cultural Centre	363-394
Deutsche Demokratische Republik Cultural Centre	332-051
French Cultural Centre	338-034
Kabkab Theatre	222-616
National Museum	114-884
Soviet Cultural Centre	235-000
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-000
Umma Art Gallery	334-619
Zaharia Public Library	111-318

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Boots & Coots Inc. spells competition for Red Adair in tackling big oil disasters

By Bruce Andrews
Editor of the Financial Times
North Sea Letter

LONDON, (F.T.)—In the last quarter century, Boots Hansen (52) has killed over 400 wild oil wells—perhaps the most dangerous job in the world. He has capped them, blown them up, quelled them with chemical mud. His most famous oil well blow-out, but not his most difficult, was on the Bravo platform of Norway's offshore Ekofisk Field, just over a year ago.

Genial, white-haired Boots,

who has a build and accent like John Wayne, is today in partnership with another veteran oil well fighter, Coots Matthews (55). Coots is a leathery, tobacco-chewing Texan, complete with Stetson. The larger-than-life pair call their company Boots and Coots Incorporated. Coots is president, having won the title on the toss of a coin.

Red Adair's boys

When the Ekofisk well blew, Boots and Coots were working for the most famous well-killer of them all, Red Adair. They had been with him since 1959. Until a

"Worst part is the noise. Like being close to three Jumbo jets with their engines at full blast. So you put cotton wool and vaseline in your ears. When the young guys start they never seem to get it right and they suffer badly."

few months ago, there was only one course of action open to oil companies when a well went out of control, spewing out tons of oil and gas, sometimes catching fire. They had to send for Red Adair—quick.

Now the companies have a choice of two outfits they can rush to the scene. There are the Red Adair men, in their famous red overalls, or Boots and Coots, whose overalls, and Cadillacs, are white.

White as a symbol of the purity of their intentions towards the oil industry, perhaps? "No," says Boots. "It's simply that after nearly 20 years we were fed up with red. In January this year we asked Adair for a little piece of the action. He got mad and fired us."

I found the two fired men sitting comfortably in their new offices in Houston, Texas, drinking Scotch on the rocks and waiting for the next call, which they knew would come. As the oil search intensifies throughout the world, at greater depths and with greater well pressures, the number of blow-outs increases. Boots and Coots have already handled ten this year.

Boots: "We'd have done more but when we started we had a little difficulty getting our insurance. Now we are covered by Lloyds of London for just about everything but clap."

The chairs are leather, the carpets are thick, the desks and tables are Mexican, ornately carved. Coots' golf trophies are neatly displayed.

But this resemblance to the offices of many a prosperous American businessman ceases with the main feature of the decor—pictures of blow-outs.

There are wells gushing black oil to the sky, pillars of flame, rigs melting and collapsing, offshore installations disappearing beneath the waves where a well has "cratered"—blown outside the pipe, causing the surrounding seabed to collapse.

There are wells in trouble from nearby Louisiana to Saudi Arabia and the Far East, portrait after portrait of disasters which have needed the pair's attention.

The cost

They do it, they readily admit, for money, but clam up when asked what their charges are.

Coots: "I'm not going to tell you. We charge on risk and time. If the well belongs to a little fellow

in difficulties, we might not charge at all. Boots and I haven't got enough money to burn up a wet mule."

(An insider recently said they were paid \$100,000 a year each by Red Adair. "That's actually a little short," said Coots, at the time. Adair himself is said to make \$3m. or \$4m. a year.)

And business prospects look good. Whatever precautions are taken, there are bound to be blow-outs.

This should worry the oil companies who face huge costs in lost production and equipment, dwarfing whatever fee they may have to pay to the men who cap the wells and put the fires out. But according to Boots and Coots there is one risk which is greatly exaggerated—that of pollution.

Pollution

Coots: "Oil is organic, natural stuff. The sun, waves and wind will send it back where it came from."

Boots: "A lot of dumb birds walk in but I've not seen many dead fish. The birds were here before people and I guess they'll be around when we leave."

Coots expressed his distaste for all environmentalists.

Both insist that killing wells is less dangerous than it looks. All it needs, they say, is experience. They wear no special protective clothing. "It's too cumbersome," says Coots. Working in the heat of a well fire, they wear "long-handle" underwear and sweat shirts under their overalls and are kept constantly soaked in water.

Boots: "Heroism? I don't go for that stuff. We take a lot of the danger out because we know what we're doing."

But they agree that their job has its risky moments. On the Ekofisk platform, at one stage, there was a real possibility that the gushing oil and gas would catch fire from electrical sparks.

What would have happened if it had, under those circumstances? "I'd have died," replied Boots, and poured himself another Scotch.

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Still small but smart



Twelve-year-old Mariel Aragon sits in her chemistry class at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Admitted to the school at age 11, she is aiming for degrees in medicine and law, and has also said, "I want to be the first lady president of the United States." Her great-grandfather, Miguel Quason, was the first president of the Republic of the Philippines. (U.S. photo).

Gambling begins to boom in Germany

Gambling is booming in West Germany, where the number of casinos has jumped from 13 to 22 in two years. The spread of gambling to ordinary people is best symbolised at Bad Homburg's casino, once patronised by the crowned heads of Europe but now crowded with working-class gamblers, most of them undergoing treatment at the spa on social security.

FRANKFURT, (F.T.)—The casino in the nearby suburb of Bad Homburg, one of West Germany's best known spas, where once the great and famous congregated to combine a "cure" with a spot of

gambling is now so crowded with less well-off patrons that it is having to be enlarged.

The addition is going to cost some 700,000 Deutschmarks (about £185,000), but the outlay is one which the proprietors can well afford because of the boom in gambling all over West Germany. This boom, however, has not been touched off by a comparatively small elite of well-to-do and prominent people. It is entirely due to the gambling fever of ordinary people risking small stakes.

Small Stakes
The average sum left behind with the spa bank in 1977, for example, was 115 marks (about £30), which these days is not a lot to lose from a year's wages. Moreover, many—perhaps most—of the patrons of the Bad Homburg casino are not financing their stay in the community out of their own pockets, but from Social Security payments for them to receive treatment for complaints like rheumatism, sciatica and lumbago at the spa. So they can afford to have a little flutter out of their own resources.

Like most of West Germany's health spas, the baths, pump room and clinics of Bad Homburg are kept going these days by the National Health Service though this is, of course, financed in part

by weekly deductions from the pay packets of working people. The casinos which are often associated with the spas depend heavily on the health service's munificence.

However, the popularity of gambling in West Germany runs far deeper than the desire of convalescents to relieve their boredom. In fact, many casinos are quite independent of health resorts, like the one that opened for the first time this year in the city of Hamburg.

That made a total of 22 for the whole country, an increase of nine in the past two years. As recently as 1975 some 2.4m. gamblers tried their luck at the 13 casinos then in existence. By 1977, the attendance at 21 such facilities had risen to over 4m. Of these, some 200,000 or about five per cent, patronised Bad Homburg.

Working Class Gambler
The present environment of this community well illustrates the revolution in West German gambling which has taken place in recent years. The typical gambler of the present day is a factory or office worker, as like as not a member of a trade union, seeking to regain his health by taking the mineral waters that bubble up from springs dotted all around the foothills of the Taunus Mountains.

Men in track suits, women in jumpers and pants, they emerge in the morning from the moderately priced hotels and pensions which now dominate the community—Bad Homburg's last remaining luxury hotel was closed down a few years ago—and stroll across the broad, tree-lined park in the direction of the baths and

clinics, where trained professional doctors and nurses are at their service.

After treatment, they can repair for refreshment to a number of restaurants and kiosks. For recreation, there are tennis courts, a riding stable, and what is described as the first public golf course ever to be laid out in Germany. There are concerts, variety shows and tea dances.

And, of course, in the evening, gambling at the casino. For most people, this involves a very mild flutter; few risk losing over DM90 (£25) before calling it quits. This atmosphere of mainly modest gamblers whose stay is financed out of social security is a far cry from the heyday of Bad Homburg during the decades leading up to the outbreak of the First World War.

Then the patrons were the crowned heads and other aristocrats of Europe, who were attracted to the spa for the claimed properties of its waters in curing such complaints as gout and rheumatism brought on by their high living. Between taking the waters, there was nothing such patients enjoyed more than the chance to gamble.

In fact, the casino in Bad Homburg opened one year before the health spa, that is, in 1840. It was the project of the enterprising Blanc Brothers, who later went on to earn even greater fame when they established the casino in Monte Carlo. In Germany, they chose the Frankfurt area partly because the bankers and other wealthy residents of the city promised a regular clientele. A railway was even built between the two

communities for their convenience.

Bad Homburg's Golden Age

In Bad Homburg's greatest era, towards the end of the last century, the glittering throng of patrons was presided over by Kaiser Frederick III, the German Emperor (for the greater part of the time whilst he was crown prince during the reign of his father) and his Empress Victoria, the former British Princess Royal, the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria.

Their presence is still recorded by statues in the park, and by streets named for them. Later, Bad Homburg became a favourite resort of their son, Kaiser William II, who abdicated after the defeat of his country in the First World War. He was frequently joined there by King Edward VII, of the United Kingdom, Czar Nicholas II, of Russia, and other European royals.

Then, a comparative handful of these royals, their courtiers and other members of the aristocracy, gambling regularly and often heavily with wealth inherited or otherwise acquired through their privileged status, provided the stakes, and enriched the Blanc bank into the bargain. Such pleasures were not for the likes of the "common people."

Now, they have disappeared, and ordinary people have become their heirs. The patrons of the Bad Homburg casino today are, typically, the fitter and the shorthand typist. Mostly, they lose, as always; but now and then they win, like the gambler who on one occasion not long ago went home with winnings of some 260,000

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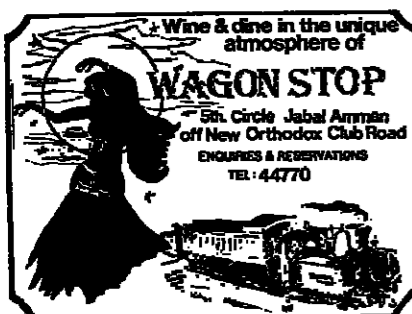


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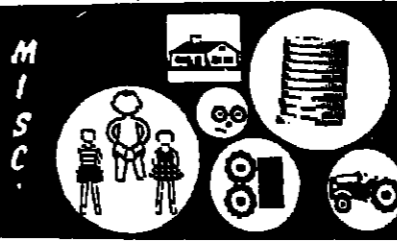
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MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Listening to ideas of others who are thinking more clearly than you now is wise. Take the kinks out of any present operations and they work better. Be careful of one who is a hypocrite.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Find better ways of adding to present success and don't jump into any new projects without further study first. A trip you want to make is okay, but handle details wisely now.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can come to a better understanding with partners provided you do not hold on to a grudge. Increase goodwill of the public in general through more courtesy. Be fair with all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get into your work enthusiastically and ignore a co-worker who is upset. Use practical methods and improve health. Avoid the temptation to burn the candle at both ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get out socially and enjoy yourself even if you feel your wardrobe is not adequate. Let your personality make you popular. Bring your finest talents to attention of those who can help you to make money with it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You have some excellent ideas to put across at home, although one family member may buck you, but can be won over. Do some entertaining at home. Show more pride in your surroundings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Try to streamline daily tasks so they are easier to perform and you save yourself time and effort. Take some small trips to see contacts and get good results also. Avoid one who could ruin your way of life.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You are postponing putting a new plan in motion which could be very good for you, so get busy now with it. See how you can add to the value of your property in some way. Count the costs first.

World Cup wrapup

Argentine players, coach begin to go separate ways

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, June 27 (AP) — Like schoolboys after the graduation party, Argentina's world champion soccer players are going their separate ways -- some unlikely to see each other again. Meanwhile, organizers of the 16-nation World Soccer Cup said they sold \$35 million worth of tickets for the 38 matches, a record for a sports tournament.

The 22 Argentine players and their coach, Cesar Menotti, collected the peso equivalent of \$34,000 apiece in prize money from the National Football Federation for their 3-1 victory here over Holland in Sunday's final.

That's far more than the players earn in a year minus benefits from their local Argentine clubs, to which they were freed yesterday after six months on the national selection.

The first to leave town was Norberto Alonso, one of three players who boycotted the team's victory celebration. Mr. Alonso, Ricardo Villa and Jose Valencia were apparently bitter after warming the bench during the tournament.

Mr. Alonso flew to Ecuador to join his River Plate club for a weekend match in the Libertadores Cup playoffs for the South American championship. Teammates Ubaldo Fillol, Leopoldo Luque, Daniel Passarella and Oscar Ortiz were to join him later in the week.

Mr. Luque and Daniel Bertoni travelled 70 kilometres west of Buenos Aires to give thanks for the World Cup at the statue of the Virgin of Lujan, Argentina's holiest Roman Catholic shrine.

Goalie Ricardo Lavolpe went to the hospital to see his wife and day-old daughter, born minutes after Argentina's win-

ning goal Sunday. Mario Kempes, the hero of the final and the tournament's leading scorer, drove to his parents' home for a month's rest before he rejoins the Valencia club in Spain.

Mr. Kempes' two-year-old contract with Valencia required his release for the World Cup team, but the clause will not apply in 1982 when Argentina defends its title.

Thus it is unlikely that he or Mr. Bertoni, who signed a \$715,000 no-release contract with the Spanish club Sevilla last month, will ever play again for the Argentine team.

"The important thing now is that this group doesn't dissolve and that wherever we are in 1982 we get together again for the World Cup," Mr. Luque told reporters after Sunday's match.

But Mr. Luque himself, Mr. Fillol and defenders Jorge Olguin and Cesar Tarantini are likely to leave Argentina soon for wealthier foreign teams, local club officials said.

Mr. Menotti, who had to exert pressure on Argentine clubs to release selected players six months before the World Cup, did not have such leverage outside the country. He tried to repatriate two veterans of the 1974 World Cup team, but their European clubs said no.

The 39-year-old coach says

he's tired of soccer and will probably retire soon after four years as national coach. But he wants the organization set up for the team to continue "without Menotti, without these players and without these directors." Argentina has demonstrated that working collectively, without individuality, you can be world champions," he told reporters.

Argentines celebrated the victory with a wave of absenteeism yesterday at government offices, schools and factories. President Jorge Videla broke his rigid work schedule twice to greet thousands of youngsters shouting "Argentina champion" outside his office.

His military regime spent about \$700 million to build and renovate stadiums, install colour television, improve telephone services and expand airports for the month-long tournament.

Tourism officials said 21,000 tourists came to Argentina just for the World Cup, about 9,000 fewer than visited West Germany for the 1974 tournament. But the \$35 million in ticket sales surpassed the 1974 figure of \$23.5 million.

The government will get 25 per cent of the income from tickets, television rights and advertising, ten per cent goes to the International Federation of Football associations and the rest to the 15 other national soccer associations that took part.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Scoring spree leads Toronto to a 24-10 victory over Baltimore

NEW YORK, June 27 (AP) — John Mayberry knocked in seven runs with two homers and the Toronto Blue Jays scored nine runs in the second inning en route to a wild 24-10 victory over the Baltimore Orioles in a protest-filled baseball game last night.

Elsewhere in the American League, Jim Rice blasted a two-run homer in the fifth inning, and Fred Lynn added an RBI single in the sixth to give the Boston Red Sox a 4-1 victory over the New York Yankees.

Rookie Rich Gale blanked the California Angels on seven hits, and light-hitting catcher Art Kusner blasted his first homer in six years as the Kansas City Royals downed the California Angels 4-0.

Dick Davis and Ben Oglivie belted two-run homers, leading the Milwaukee Brewers to an 8-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins. Gary Alexander's three-run homer powered the Cleveland Indians to a 5-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

In the National League, pinch-hitter Dave Collin's ninth-inning sacrifice fly scored Dave Concepcion from third base and preserved Tom Seaver's sixth victory as the Cincinnati Reds rallied to beat the Houston Astros 4-3.

Rowland Office, Gary Matthews and Bob Horner powered home runs and right-hander Adrian Devine cattered five hits over seven innings, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 5-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Steve Rogers scattered six hits and finally got some offensive support from his teammates as the Montreal Expos whipped the Montreal League East-leading Philadelphia Phillies 5-1.

Rookie Don Robinson pitch-

ed three scoreless innings of relief to preserve the Pittsburgh Pirates' 5-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in the completion of a suspended game begun April 23.

The Pittsburgh Pirates rallied from a five-run deficit and beat the St. Louis Cardinals 11-8 in the regularly scheduled game.

In a late American League game on the west coast, Bob Stinson's three-run homer highlighted Seattle's five-run first inning as the Mariners trimmed the Chicago White Sox 6-3.

Major league baseball results and standings after Monday's games:

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

EAST:

WEST:

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

EAST:

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Monday's games:

Chicago 10, New York 9
Pittsburgh 5-11, St. Louis 4-8, 1st game completion of suspended game
Atlanta 5, Los Angeles 2
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 4, Houston 3
San Diego 2, San Francisco 1, 10 innings

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One Sterling	2.0785/0810	West German marks
One dollar	2.2325/35	Dutch guilders
	1.8675/85	Swiss francs
	32.62/64	Belgian francs
	4.5560/90	French francs
	857.00/50	Italian lire
	205.80/206.00	Japanese yen
	4.5890/5905	Swedish crowns
	5.4070/85	Norwegian crowns
	5.6350/65	Danish crowns

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Government stocks and equities rallied in quiet trading in reaction to recent falls, dealers said.

Long-dated government bonds scored gains of up to 3/4 point while shorts rose 1/8 to 3/8. Leading industrials rose several pence and at 15:00, the F.T. index was up 2.4 at 455.4. Bat industries eased 7p against the trend following interim figures.

Oils were little changed while banks firmed after initial small falls. Mining shares and Australians were mixed.

Price of gold closed in London Tuesday at \$184.75/oz.

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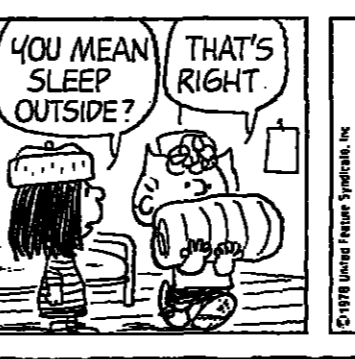
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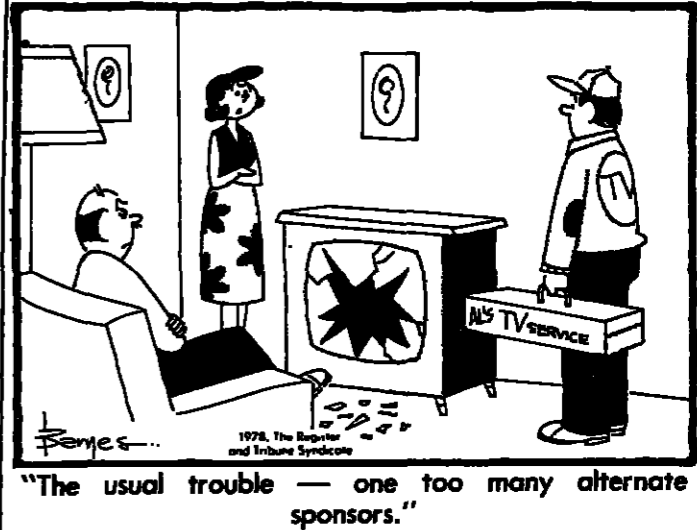


I find fewer things that were before my time. The older I get



THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



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North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 6 ♠ AQ83 ♠ 10762 ♠ K953
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A1095 ♠ AK10762 ♠ A93
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♥ 1 ♠ 2 ♥ 3 ♠ ?
What do you bid now?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ AQ ♠ A ♠ AQ10963 ♠ J1073
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2NT
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3NT
What action do you take?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 7 ♠ AKJ5 ♠ AJ83 ♠ AQ85
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass Pass 1 ♥ ?
What action do you take?

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K72 ♠ A9 ♠ A76 ♠ AKQ93
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?
2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
What do you bid now?

Q.7—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ K ♠ KQ854 ♠ 10762 ♠ Q95
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ KJ3 ♠ J105 ♠ KJ985 ♠ 83
The bidding has proceeded:

Q.8—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ Q104 ♠ A7 ♠ J1072 ♠ QJ85
Partner opens the bidding with two no trump. What do you respond?

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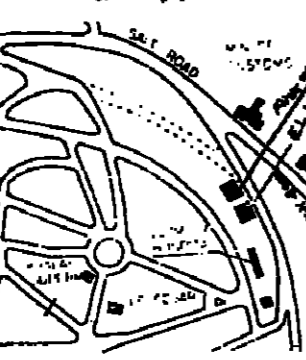
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Oil price increases likely; OPEC not an enemy, says Yamani

CALGARY, Alberta, June 27 (AP). Although the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), most likely will impose a series of small oil price increases beginning next year, the cartel should not be viewed as an enemy, says Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani.

Saudi Arabia's oil minister, visiting this centre of Canadian energy production, told a group of oil experts yesterday that the small price increases are necessary to dampen demand and to avoid sharp boosts in the price of oil later that could trigger another worldwide recession.

The 1973-74 embargo by the

13-nation cartel and a subsequent four-fold price increase caused a recession that even affected OPEC members, by eventually reducing the value of the money they were paid.

"Unless oil prices are permitted to grow gradually in real terms throughout the rest of the century, another sharp price increase is inevitable by the

end of the 1980's by reason of the (reduction in) supply that is likely to occur by that time," Mr. Yamani told about 2,000 members of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists.

He said any sharp price increase could "create grave consequences for producers and consumers alike." Later, in a news conference, Mr. Yamani refused to specify how large the "gradual increases" might be, but he said any boost in 1979 could be around five per cent although later increases likely would be higher.

Mr. Yamani, representing the most powerful member of OPEC but also one of the most moderate in recent years, carefully tried to soften the political impact of contemplated price increases.

"We think that OPEC will become much more strong in the future and OPEC should not be looked at as an enemy organisation," he said during the news conference, "I think it is an organisation that will serve all of mankind."

Bomb set to explode in Parisian store discovered by worker

PARIS, June 27 (R). — Police said today that a bomb was discovered in the toy department of a Paris store yesterday but was defused before it went off.

The police said it was set to explode during business hours. Earlier in the day a bomb had exploded in the historic Palace of Versailles, near Paris, extensively damaging priceless paintings and furniture.

At least three groups claimed responsibility for the Versailles blast but police said they were taking seriously only the claim made by the left-wing Breton Liberation Army.

No one has claimed responsibility for the bomb found in the store, located near Notre Dame Cathedral.

It was timed to explode early yesterday afternoon. But an employee heard ticking in a box he was stacking at the shop and discovered a timing device connected with explosives.

Police investigating the Versailles explosion said only the Breton separatists had the technical knowledge and explosives to carry out an attack like the one at the Palace but they had no definite proof of their involvement.

Vietnam discounts Cambodian charges as "ridiculous"

BANGKOK, Thailand, June 27 (AP). — Vietnam said today a statement by Cambodian Vice-Premier Ieng Sary accusing Vietnam and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency of trying to overthrow the Phnom Penh regime is "ridiculous."

Ieng Sary and the Ministry of Information and Propaganda said recently Cambodian authorities has smashed the alleged attempt.

The Vietnamese Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan said that "only senseless leaders would make such a statement" and that listeners "could not help laughing to hear such a ridiculous story."

"However, a coup d'etat by the people in Cambodia nowadays would not be a surprise at all... because the people cannot tolerate long a fascist regime whose national policy is extermination of a race," Nhan Dan said.

The newspaper said both Cambodia and China now have one goal in common -- to fan up national hatred against Vietnam by demanding Vietnam stop acts it never has committed. These, Nhan Dan said, were alleged Vietnamese aggression against Cambodia and persecution of ethnic Chinese in Vietnam.

\$5.5m. floating hotel will be towed from Japan to Egypt

TOKYO, June 27 (R). — A floating hotel is to be built in Japan and towed 8,000 miles across the Indian Ocean to Alexandria, Egypt.

The hotel, with a hull-shaped base, will be four storeys high

with 64 rooms and a swimming pool.

The \$5.5 million order was placed by the Egyptian hotel company Senephro with three Japanese firms, it was announced today.

By Peter Riddell
Economics Correspondent of the Financial Times
LONDON (F.T.). — Inflation has again become a major preoccupation of the public, economists and governments throughout the world. Although the rate of increase in prices is now much lower than it was during the runaway period of 1974-75, there are signs both that the improving trend is coming to an end in many countries and that an acceleration may be beginning.

The outlook has recently been summed up in the vivid comment by Mr. Gordon Richardson, the Governor of the Bank of England, that inflation is a lion in the path of economic recovery. In a speech to international bankers, Mr. Richardson described inflation

and the fear of its resurgence as a powerful constraint on both public and private confidence and expansion and as the single most important reason for the economic malaise of recent years.

This applies no less to the U.K. than elsewhere. While, as Mr. Richardson pointed out, the annual rate of price inflation is down to less than one-third of its "appalling peak" — at less than eight per cent against 27 per cent two years ago — this is still too high.

Turkey, USSR make oil-wheat deal

ANKARA, June 27 (R). — An oil-for-wheat deal with the Soviet Union has given Turkey its first big breakthrough in attempts to barter with oil-producing states.

Details of the deal emerged yesterday after Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit flew home from a four-day Soviet trip.

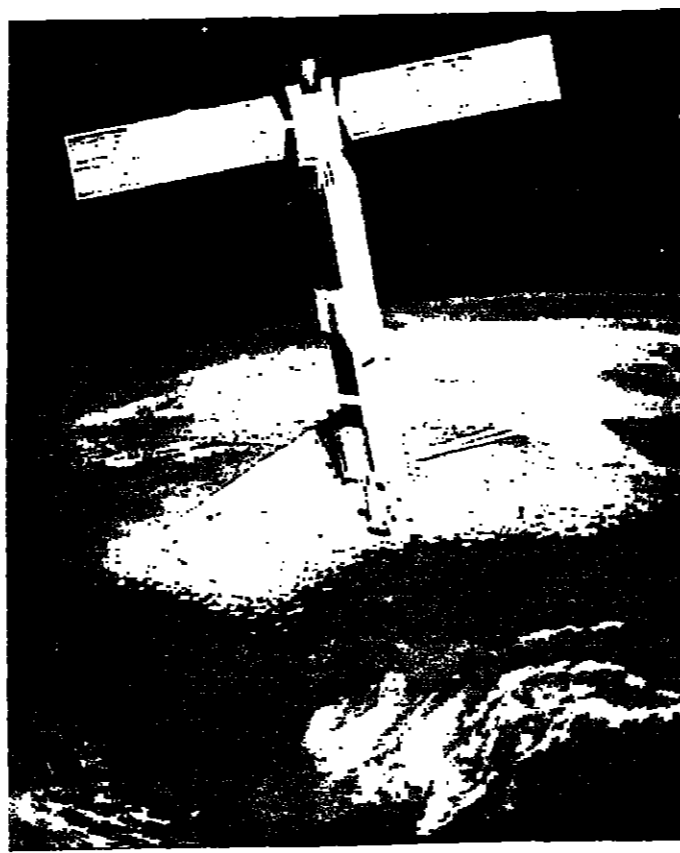
The Russians agreed during talks to swap up to three million tons of oil and oil products over three years for Turkish wheat and metals.

Mr. Ecevit spoke to reporters at the airport following his return from the recently concluded World Food Council meeting in Mexico City. He is current president of the 36-nation council, the United Nations' highest policy-making body on world food matters.

"Africa is where the food problem has been growing to the point where, if we don't do anything, it will lead to explosive trouble spots affecting the whole world, with all this problem of adventurism, with Cuba apparently sending troops to Africa and arguing with (U.S. President) Carter about it," Mr. Ecevit said.

"At the root of this problem is the fact that you have a hungry and poor African

Seasat in orbit over Alaska



VANDENBERG, California, June 27 (R). — Seasat-A, a satellite designed to increase scientific knowledge of the world's oceans, was launched here last night.

The satellite was launched into a 500-mile (800 km.) high circular orbit aboard an atlas-3 rocket.

It will sweep across 95 per cent of the world's oceans every 36 hours, allowing it to take more measurements in a single day than previously acquired in decades.

Seasat's mission is to determine if its sensors can accurately measure oceans and weather phenomena. If it works, other missions are planned.

The satellite will attempt to determine good fishing areas and gather information on winds, currents, waves and temperatures.

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Russian man wielding axe attacks 3 tourists in Moscow, murders 2

MOSCOW, June 27 (R). — A young Russian man, 24, attacked the three elderly tourists, a woman and two men, as they were leaving the hotel on the capital's crowded Gorky Street at midday.

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A policeman and several chaffeurs from cars parked by the entrance watched in horror as the man struck.

Finally several of them were able to overpower him and put on handcuffs, the Russian witness said.

An American journalist, Clifford May of Hearst Newsweek, who was staying at the hotel, said he arrived at the scene just as one of the victims was being put into an ambulance.

"Another was covered with a sheet, and a third was lying on the steps with the axe embedded in his head," he said.

A Standard at the hotel said one of the victims was decapitated in the attack, but his account could not be confirmed.

The Swedish tourists were understood to be members of a travel group, but no information about them was available.

The Swedish Embassy said it was in contact with the Soviet authorities. A spokesman would confirm only that two Swedes were killed.

The Intourist Hotel, one of Moscow's best, stands within sight of the Kremlin. Among its present guests is Greek shipping multi-millionaire Christina Onassis, 27, who arrived recently on a part-tourism, part-business trip.

Ethiopia begins new offensive against Eritrean guerrillas

DAMASCUS, June 27 (R). — Ethiopian troops have launched a major three-pronged attack on Eritrean guerrillas, the Eritrean news agency reported.

The Damascus-based agency said last night the new offensive followed the failure of Ethiopia's first attack last month.

The agency, run by one of the two main guerrilla organisations -- the Eritrean Liberation Front -- said the offensive was launched from the south, southeast and southwest of Eritrea.